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CYPRUS - TURKEY

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ANKARA, AUG. 7, REUTER -- PREMIER BULENT ECEVIT SAID AFTER A SIX-HOUR CABINET MEETING HERE TODAY THAT TURKEY IS DETERMINED TO HAVE TWO AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS IN CYPRUS BASED ON GEOGRAPHICAL FOUNDATIONS.

THE CABINET MEETING WAS HELD TO FINALIZE THE PROPOSALS TURKEY WILL MAKE TO THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE WHEN IT OPENS ITS SECOND PHASE TOMORROW AIMED AT WORKING OUT A POLITICAL FUTURE FOR THE STRIFE-TORN ISLAND. EU

MR ECEVIT TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT TURKEY WANTED FOR THE ISLAND WAS THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE SECURITY FOR THE 110,000 TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

THE TURKISH PREMIER HAS PREVIOUSLY SAID TURKEY WILL NOT PULL OUT ITS INVASION FORCE FROM CYPRUS UNTIL THERE IS AUTONOMY AND ABSOLUTE SECURITY FOR THE TURKISH MINORITY -- WHO MAKE UP A SIXTH OF THE ISLAND POPULATION.

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THE CYPRUS TURKS HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERING THEIR OWN AFFAIRS SINCE THE MID-SIXTIES AND THE EXPECTATION HERE IS THAT TURKEY WILL CALL FOR AN INDEPENDENT CYPRUS WITH FEDERATIVE SYSTEM CONTAINING THE TWO AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

ANKARA HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE VULNERABILITY OF THE SMALL TURKISH ENCLAVES IN CYPRUS AND WOULD LIKE THEM MERGED INTO LARGER UNITS -- POSSIBLY JUST ONE SECTOR.

SOME OBSERVERS EXPECT TURKEY TO PRESS FOR AN ENLARGED SECTOR STRETCHING FROM NICOSIA TO THE PORT OF KYRENIA AND THE WIDE TRACT OF NORTH COAST NOW CONTROLLED BY THE TURKISH ARMY.

FOREIGN MINISTER TURAN GUNES, WHO WILL LEAD THE TURKISH DELEGATION, WILL LEAVE FOR GENEVA TOMORROW. WITH HIM WILL GO FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER HALUK BAYULKEN AND MR HALUK ULMAN, A BACKBENCH PARLIAMENTARIAN WHO IS A FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALIST.

EARLIER TODAY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER, MR SAUF DENKTASH, WHO HAS BEEN HERE FOR CONSULTATIONS, LEFT FOR LONDON ON HIS WAY TO GENEVA.

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